THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Right to Information Act, 2005 has become fully operational" from 12th October, 2005.

(c) and (d) Time and resource constraints are the major hurdles reported by the State Government;

(e) As per information presently available 13 States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Uttaranchal and Tripura have taken action under section 4, 5 and 15 of the Act to implement it.

Raids by CBI

1747. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI conducted country-wise raids at about 200 places and in 54 cities on the 30th September, 2005 against corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of officers of various departments raided by CBI and the unaccounted wealth detected;

(d) the departmental and other action taken against these corrupt officials;

(e) whether it is a fact that the plans for the CBI raid was leaked out a day prior to the actual raid; and

(f) whether the CBI has instituted any probe into the leak and if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) Yes, CBI has conducted a special Drive on 30.9.2005. During this Special Drive 59 cases have been registered against 76 public servants of various departments, Searches were conducted at 216 places in various cities throughout the country. However, it would not be appropriate to desclose the details of seizers etc. made during searches in the interest of investigation since the disclosure may affect the ongoing investigation adversely. Action, as per law, will be initiated against the corrupt officers/ officials depending on the out come of investigations.

(e) and (f) On the basis of the media reports that the information regarding the Special Drive launched by CBI on 30.9.2005 had leaked, the CBI is conducting varification into the matter.

Vacancies for SCs/STs

1748. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of reservation for SC, ST and OBCs in services under Central Government and various States/Union Territories, at present;

(b) the number of posts in Central and State Government services vacant for Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes and OBCs during the year 2003, 2004 and 2005, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the vacancies are filled within the time bound framework?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in services under the Government of India is available at the rate of 15%, 7.5% and 27% respectively in case of direct recruitment on all India basis by open competition and at the rate of 16.66%, 7.5% and 25.84% respectively in case of direct recruitment on all India basis otherwise than by open competition. Incase of direct recruitment to Group C and D posts normally attracting candidates from a locality or region, reservation for SCs and STs is generally fixed in proportion to their population in the respective States/Union Territories and resrvation for OBCs in such cases is fixed keeping in view their population in the concerned State/UT with the stipulation that it does not exceed 27% and total reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs does not exceed 50%. In case of promotion, reservation to SCs and STs is available at the rate of 15% and 7.5% respectively. Reservation in services of the States/UTs is fixed by the respective States/UTs.

(b) Information is not centrally maintained.

(c) Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and is done by various Minstries/Departments/Offices as per instructions of the Government. A Special Recruitment Drive has recently been also launched by the Government to fill up backlog vacancies reserved for SCs and STs.